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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/14/2005
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-164 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-164 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-164 are pending. No drawings filed

Election

2. Upon reconsideration, and applicants remarks, the restriction requirement has been dropped.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on January 22, 2004 AND July 18, 2005. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

4. Claims 1-164 rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6649632 B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because USP '632 teach compounds according to the invention used to inhibit tumor growth. Note the overlapping definitions of the variables.

One of ordinary skill in the art would thus be motivated to prepare compounds from under the USP '632' genus in order to obtain additional beneficial antitumor agents. Also, one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to prepare compounds structurally similar to those of USP 632 in the expectation of obtaining a useful compound to treat tumors as compounds

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structurally similar in structure are expected to have similar properties. The level of skill in the art is further reflected in *In re Lohr* 137 USPQ 548 at 549 (CCPA 1963), and in *In re Payne* 204 USPQ 249 at 254 (CCPA 1979).

The species claims are included as the genus of the reference is so limited that they would be immediately apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art.

5. Claims 1-164 rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. ^{6,780,879}~~6,678,879~~ B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because USP '879 teach compounds according to the invention used to inhibit tumor growth. Note the overlapping definitions of the variables.

One of ordinary skill in the art would thus be motivated to prepare compounds from under the USP '879 genus in order to obtain additional beneficial antitumor agents. Also, one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to prepare compounds structurally similar to those of USP 879 in the expectation of obtaining a useful compound to treat tumors as compounds structurally similar in structure are expected to have similar properties. The level of skill in the art is further reflected in *In re Lohr* 137 USPQ 548 at 549 (CCPA 1963), and in *In re Payne* 204 USPQ 249 at 254 (CCPA 1979).

The species claims are included as the genus of the reference is so limited that they would be immediately apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art.

Certain Observations

6. Copending 10/743581 has a carbonate in position R7 and the present claims have a OH in position, therefore creating clear demarcation over the present claims.

7. Copending 10/720615 has carbonate in position R10 and the present claims have a COORa, therefore creating a clear demarcation over the present claims.

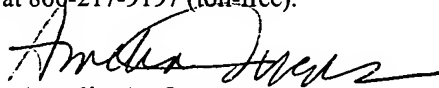
8. USP 6660866 B2 has carbonate in position R10 and the present claims have a COORa, therefore creating a clear demarcation over the present claims.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amelia A. Owens whose telephone number is 571-272-0690. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia J. Tsang can be reached on 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



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